



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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RE: MUR 4999

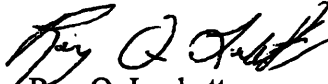
Dear Mr. Oldaker:

On October 15, 2003, the Federal Election Commission approved the subpoenas for deposition and production of documents to several individuals in connection with MUR 4999. Although we are authorized to engage in such actions, this Office also has discretion to engage in pre-probable cause conciliation for a limited time. If your clients, Edward M. Bernstein, Edward M. Bernstein and Associates, Inc., and Explosive Media, are interested in pursuing pre-probable cause conciliation, we must meet with you by November 3, 2003 to commence negotiations.

In addition, also enclosed is a tolling agreement between your clients and the Federal Election Commission, which tolls the statute of limitations by thirty days in exchange for pre-probable cause conciliation. This agreement covers October 23, 2003 through November 22, 2003. Please sign the agreement and return it as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 694-1372. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Roy Q. Luckett
Attorney

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